

What's On



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The American University of Kuwait (AUK) sent 6 students to intern at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, USA and 2 students to study abroad at George Washington University in Washington D.C., USA.

Interning at Dartmouth College are students Ali Darwiche, Farida Mohamed, Farah Saad, Omar Hedeia,

Abeer Kablaoui, and Taibah Al-Eissa. Dartmouth and AUK have formed a partnership and worked closely together since 2003 when the two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The internship program is a part of the advisory, consultative, and cooperative projects that have been facilitated as a result of this memorandum.

Studying abroad at George Washington University are AUK students Lynn Pais and Mariam Shehadeh. The students will get the invaluable opportunity of expanding their academic and career frameworks across international borders. AUK established a Study Abroad Summer Programs Scholarship in 2016 with George Washington University (GW) that enables AUK stu-

dents to take summer classes at GW.

The American University of Kuwait has several agreements with international institutions to award its students with study-abroad opportunities which foster cross-cultural and academic experiences to further expand their knowledge beyond the classroom.



A photo from the event.

Software skills enhanced

FOCUS Kuwait inaugurates classes and workshops on CAD and Revit

KUWAIT CITY, July 7: The Forum of Cad Users (FOCUS), a Kuwait engineering and design organization, has inaugurated classes and workshops on new software to enhance the software skills in various working areas of the construction industry in Kuwait. Al Mulla General Manager Philip Koshy inaugurated and Marketing Manager Huzefa Abbassi attended the program. The program was chaired by President Salim Raj.

General Secretary Daniel Thomas welcomed and Joint Secretary Sunil George thanked the audience. Tarakesh and Prabhu, instructors from Omnix-International conducted the classes on AutoCAD and Cloud basis programs. Focus Cad Team Convener Ratheesh Kumar

conducted classes on Revit.

Omnix Kuwait Manager Nageeb Ibrahim greeted the audience. Anisla Noufal and Salu Ajith won Quiz competition on CAD Tips. Al Mulla Exchange also presented prizes to Shahid V K and Prem Kiran who won the lucky draw from the class participants.

Vice President Regi Kumar and Treasurer C.O. Koshy, Joint Treasurer Jacob John, Webmaster Anil K B, Prasob Philip, Simon Baby, Sreekumar, Joji Mathew, Santosh Kumar, Regional Units leaders and various Unit conveners directed the program.

Those who are interested in attending further training classes can contact on 66504992/ 55422018/ 57994262/ 99687825.

WIK holds election

Welfare India Kuwait elects Ahmed as new president for term 2022-24

KUWAIT CITY, July 7: Welfare India Kuwait WIK elected Advocate Mohammed Faheem Ahmed as its new president for the next term of two years.

Adv. Mohammed Faheem Ahmed has been very diligent, active and working at different forums for the upliftment of the Indian community in Kuwait for last decade and more. He served as a General Secretary of Welfare India Kuwait (WIK) for two terms. He showed his dedication towards human welfare services and tasks being carried out by WIK from time to time. Currently he is working as a General Manager in UAGSCO Shipping & Logistics Company located at Kuwait City.

Welfare India Kuwait held its routine election on May 28, 2022 and elected unanimously Mohammed Faheem Ahmed as new president of WIK for the new term (2022-24) in appreciation of his commitment and enthusiasm towards the human welfare activities among the Indian diaspora in Kuwait.

'Welfare India' Kuwait, is one of the leading socio-cultural organization in Kuwait which carries



Adv. Mohammed Faheem Ahmed

out its various activities for enhancement of expatriates living in Kuwait through various programs & activities at different level. It looks forward to organize various beneficial programs in future, considering the occasions and requirements of expatriates in general and specifically Indian community in Kuwait.

Indian Media Forum condoles demise of press photographer Gafoor Moodadi

KUWAIT CITY, July 7: Indian Media Forum (IMF) Kuwait expressed its heartfelt condolence on the sad demise of photographer Shri Gafoor Moodadi.

Gafoor Moodadi, the Kuwait-based photographer of Malayalam newspaper Malayala Manorama, passed away in Kerala

while on vacation on Sunday, July 3rd.

As a press photographer, Shri Gafoor Moodadi captured several historic moments among the Indian community in Kuwait. The community will always remember his photos, the Indian Media Forum said in a statement.

Council aims to promote business ties between Kuwait and India

IBPC Kuwait elects office-bearers for 2022-23

KUWAIT CITY, July 7: Indian Business & Professional Council (IBPC) Kuwait elected its new managing committee for 2022-2023 during the Annual General Meeting held on June 29, 2022 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kuwait.

The meeting began with a formal welcome speech by Vice-Chairman Gurvinder Singh Lamba, who briefed the members about the past three years' activities and thanked everyone. He appreciated IBPC members support to Indian diaspora during COVID-19 crisis and oxygen supply to India through volunteer ship and financial aids. Kaizar Shakir, outgoing treasurer then tabled the Audited Financial Statements for the last three years (2019-2021). These were unanimously approved by the members. Shivvy Bhasin, Senior Advisor - IBPC, addressed the gathering and spoke on "Beginning of Indian Businessmen in Kuwait". He entertained all with his spontaneous humour.

Gurvinder Singh Lamba (Choji Lamba) was elected as the new Chairman of IBPC while Kaizar Shakir was elected as the Vice Chairman. Soly Mathew is the new Secretary, Suresh K P is the new Jt. Secretary and Sunit Arora is the new Treasurer for IBPC. The new committee thanked the members for their trust and confidence in the elected committee. Election/Nomination process supervised and conducted by the honorary members of IBPC - Devesh Kumar, Ram Mohan Reddy, Anish Agarwal and S. Krishna Rao.

The Indian Business and Professional Council, Kuwait (IBPC)



IBPC 2022 new committee members (from left) Sunit Aurora - Treasurer; Kaizar Shakir - Vice Chairman; Gurvinder Singh Lamba - Chairman; Soly Mathew - Secretary and Suresh KP - Jt Secretary.

was established in the year 2001 under the patronage of the Ambassador of India to Kuwait with the main aim and objective of promoting business, trade, investment between Kuwait and India.

IBPC is a non-profit, non-commercial and a voluntary Association of members drawn from the Indian diaspora community in Kuwait comprising of leading

businessmen, senior corporate executives and professionals. Over the years IBPC has successfully established institutional linkage between the leading Chambers of Commerce and organizations from India such as ASSOCHAM, FICCI and CII and Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

IBPC, which is a common platform for Indian businessmen and professionals in Kuwait. It aims at

providing opportunities for Indian businessmen and professionals to develop business and professional activities in Kuwait and India, promoting trade and investment, building relations between Kuwait and India, organizing meetings, seminars, functions, cultural events and activities which in the Council's opinion benefit the Indian business and professional community of Kuwait at large.

Embassy officials praised for their timely support and efforts

Indian Embassy helps repatriate stranded Indians

KUWAIT CITY, July 7: Recent effort of Indian Embassy-Kuwait to repatriate an Indian national Ramachandran Vairavamoorthy who was admitted in Farwaniya Hospital-Kuwait, to his hometown in India is highly applaudable.

Ramachandran Vairavamoorthy, 48 years old Indian national who recently came to Kuwait as a domestic worker. On 4th May 2022, he fell down unconsciously and he was admitted to Farwaniya Hospital. He was diagnosed with left cerebral hematoma and he was under medication. As he does not have any relatives or friends in Kuwait, Ali, President, Tamil Makkal Sevai Maiyam-Kuwait, and Social Worker Mrs. Shiny Frank took up the matter with Indian Embassy, Kuwait for further follow-up and support.

Guidance

Upon receiving the information, Indian Embassy officials First secretary, Community Welfare and Labour Wing Rahul and his team Shajin arranged for all the necessary medical support to him at the Hospital.

Meantime his family in India approached Nelliyan and Mathi, social worker for the necessary support to repatriate him back to India. Mathi who is currently in India, sought the help from Indian embassy officials and requested to expedite the repatriation process.

With the guidance of Indian Ambassador to Kuwait Shri. HH Sibi George, Indian embassy officials

took the initiative to send him back to India to re-join with his family. As advised by doctors, Indian Embassy made all the necessary arrangements such as stretcher, and escort person to accompany him for his travel. It is remarkable to mention that Indian Embassy-Kuwait manage to take care of all the expenses including stretcher, ambulift charges, flight tickets for both persons etc.

He has been repatriated back to Chennai on 19th June 2022 with the necessary medical escort facilities. In advance Mathi has arranged for all the necessary ambulance and required medical support in Chennai

with the help of Sr. Josephine Amala Valarmathi, State Coordinator-National Domestic Workers Moment and Rehabilitation and welfare of Non-Resident Tamils (RW-NRT). Sr. Josephine Amala Valarmathi, and members from RW-NRT received him in Chennai Airport and sent him to Pudukottai Government Hospital (Pudukottai, Tamilnadu) by ambulance for further medical treatment.

In another such incident, Indian Embassy officials repatriated an Indian boy who was bedridden in KOC hospital since March 2020. Couple of months back, Embassy of India in Kuwait received a request from

KOC hospital for the early repatriation of a 14-year-old Indian, Master Abdul Haneef for further treatment as there is no one here except his mother who is a Sri Lankan national. After getting all the necessary approvals and documents from India, Indian Embassy made the necessary arrangements for their travel with the help of Kuwait government. He had been repatriated back on 2nd Dec 2021 with the necessary medical escort facilities.

Intervened

Similarly, an Indian child who was having trouble in travelling and stranded in Kuwait without proper documents. Indian Embassy Kuwait intervened into the matter and arranged for all the necessary documents with the support of Kuwait Authorities and helped for his safe return to India recently. Mathi coordinated with Embassy officials Mujeeb and Ashfaq, members and families during all these activities.

It is noteworthy to mention that the Indian Embassy officials regularly visit and provide the possible support to the Indian Labours / workers admitted in the Kuwait hospitals without having relations and friends in Kuwait.

In such a way, Welfare and Labour wing of Indian Embassy in Kuwait is helping for the stranded Indian nationals in all the possible ways within the bounds of Kuwait Govt. Laws and Rules. Indian Embassy in Kuwait's such effort are highly commendable.



Indian national Ramachandran Vairavamoorthy being repatriated from Kuwait